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MISS ROTHERMEL SPEAKER, JUNE 8

Dean Walton Announces Five Honor Students

Mildred Rothermel will be the student commencement orator at the eightieth anniversary exercises on June 8 in front of Selwyn Hall, according to the announcement made by Dean George W. Walton on Wednesday morning.



Following a policy instituted last year, no valedictorian or salutatorian was named in the graduating class, but all seniors who maintained an "A" rating throughout the four years of their college course were named as Honor Students of the class and will be graduated with equal honors. The Honor Students of this year's class, besides Mildred Rothermel, are Marjorie Beglinger, David Fields, William Harris, and Elizabeth Williams.

Five additional members of the class of 1936 have been awarded an Honorable Mention recognition by the college because of their high B+ rating through the four years of work. In this group are James Doyle, Kenneth Erdman, Leroy Garrigan, Florence Howell, and Margaret Maurer.

In addition to earning the meritorious academic recognition of Honor Student and Honorable Mention rating, the students in these groups have been constructive participants in important extra-curricular activities on this campus.

Mildred Rothermel has been active in Sigma Tau Delta, Pi Gamma Mu, the Student Council, Y. W. C. A., Pi Alpha Tau sorority, and the Domino Dramatic club. Elizabeth Williams has served the college during the past two years as director of physical education for the women students, and as a member of the Greek Festival committee. Margaret Maurer, a member of the Phi Beta Mu sorority, has been president of Sigma Tau Delta, editor-in-chief of the Freshmen Handbook, member of the Student Council, and associated on the staff of the 1936 Cue.

Doyle, Erdman, and Garrigan formed the senior triumvirate of the year's successful debating team. James Doyle has been winner for two consecutive years in the Junior-Senior Oratorical contest, editor-in-chief of "The Albrightian," member of the Alpha Pi Omega fraternity, and active in the Domino Dramatic club. Garrigan, also a member of Alpha Pi Omega, has been associated with the French and German clubs, participated in Domino club productions, and last season served as captain of the Varsity tennis team.

COMMEMORATING EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING

Monday, June 1, 8:15 P. M.—Reading Music Festival at Albright College. College Stadium. 1,000 singers and musicians will participate. Guest soloist, Paul Althouse, tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company.

Tuesday, June 2, 8:15 P. M.—Reading Music Festival at Albright College. College Stadium. 1,000 singers and musicians will participate. Guest soloist, Paul Althouse, tenor, Metropolitan Opera Company. In case of rain either night, postponed to June 3. Tickets may be purchased by writing the College Office, or the Festival Headquarters, 47 South Sixth Street, Reading, Pa.

Thursday, June 4, 3:00 P. M.—President and Mrs. Klein At Home to Seniors and Faculty, 1209 Orchard Road. In case of rain, Wyomissing Club.

Friday, June 5, 8:15 P. M.—Domino Plays, Little Theatre on Campus.

Saturday, June 6, Alumni Day, A. M.—10:00 A. M.—Alumni Sorority Annual Meeting, Initiation and Luncheon. 10:15 A. M.—Soft Ball Game, Alumni vs. College Varsity.

Saturday, June 6, Alumni Day, P. M.—1:00 P. M.—Annual Alumni Business Meeting, College Chapel. 2:45 P. M.—Academic Procession from Administration Building. 3:00 P. M.—Alumni Memorial Library Dedication. Dedicatory Address, the Rev. Frederick K. Stamm, D. D. 4:00 P. M.—Library Inspection and Open House Tea. 6:00 P. M.—Alumni Dinner, Selwyn Hall Court. (Tickets \$1.00, including admission to Peasant Festival.) 7:30 P. M.—Peasant Festival in the Bavarian Alps, College Stadium. 9:30 P. M.—Open House for Fraternities.

Sunday, June 7—11:00 A. M.—Baccalaureate Sermon. The Rev. Daniel J. Wetzel, Minister, First Reformed Church, Reed and Washington Streets. 4:00 P. M.—Formal Tea, Campus in front of Selwyn Hall. Guest of Honor, Mrs. Henry Peiffer. In case of rain, College Dining Room.

Monday, June 8—10:00 A. M.—Dedication and naming of Merner-Pfeiffer Hall of Science. Dedicatory Address, John A. Schaeffer, Ph. D., D. Sc., President, Franklin and Marshall College. 11:00 A. M.—Commencement Exercises, outdoors on Campus. Address, The Rev. John S. Stamm, D. D., Bishop, Eastern Area, Evangelical Church. In case of rain, the exercises of dedication and commencement will be held in the Auditorium of the Northeast Junior High School.

All Exercises on Daylight Saving Time.

JUNE WEEK ONE-ACTERS

The Domino Dramatic club will conclude their season's schedule with the first annual presentation of the June Week One-Acters in the little theatre on Friday, June 5. The program will include three one-act plays: comedy, fantasy, and drama. Robert L. Work will direct and Dorothy Butler will design the various settings. This program, to be presented as a feature of the eightieth commencement services, will replace the annual senior day program which has not been adequately presented during the past few years.

"Lima Beans," a scherzo play in one act by Alfred Kreymborg, well known playwright and critic, will be the opening of the evening. The cast will consist of Jean Boner, David Fray, and Frank Brandenburg.

The second play on the evening's program will be the well known "Riders to the Sea" by J. M. Synge, which was first produced at the Molesworth Hall, Dublin, in 1904. The scene is laid in a cottage on Inishmaan, an island off the west coast of Ireland. The cast includes Marjorie Beglinger, Joseph Ehrhart, Jennette Henry, and Ethel Goforth.

Four seniors will make their departure to Domino presentations in the final production, "Wurzel-Flummery," a comedy in one act by A. A. Milne. These are Mildred Rothermel, Betty Rosen-thal, James Doyle, Leroy Garrigan. The cast also includes Charles Moravec. The setting is the town house of Robert Crawshaw.

PRETTY SOFT

When Selwyn Hall was being built in 1836—one hundred years ago—many of the privileges we have today were not in existence. For college students a century ago there was not a public library in the United States while all the furniture for the Evangelical institutions was being imported from England.

Other noteworthy items of interest to the twentieth century student are the following, quoted from "National Glass Budget:"

An old copper mine in Connecticut was used as a prison. (Crime students, please note.) There was only one hat factory (not Mohn's) and it made cocked hats, while every gentleman wore a queue and powdered his hair.

In the refectories of all colleges and universities crockery plates were objected to because they dulled the knives, and all students jeering at the preacher or criticizing his sermons were heavily fined.

Buttons were scarce and expensive, and the trousers were fastened with pegs or lace. Leather breeches, a checked shirt, a red flannel jacket and a cocked hat formed the dress of the real artisan.

The most favorite dishes in the best restaurants and hotels were beef, pork, salt fish, potatoes, and hominy which were the staple diet all the year around.

SIX TO BE HONORED AT COMMENCEMENT

President Klein Will Confer Honorary Degrees

Six honorary degrees will be presented to outstanding men at the annual commencement exercises to be held in front of Selwyn Hall on Monday, June 8. President Klein will make the awards starting with the presentation of an LL.D. degree to Bishop John S. Stamm who will be the commencement orator.

Superintendent of schools of Reading, Thomas H. Ford, will be granted a Doctor of Literature degree. Mr. Ford is a native of Mt. Carmel, Pa. He received the degree of Ph. B. from Dickinson College in 1914 and the M. A. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1925. After serving from 1914 to 1921 as a high school teacher and principal, he came to Reading and has held the following positions in the school system of this city: teacher in the Boys' High School, principal and director of evening schools, junior high school principal, director of research, and at the present time superintendent of schools.

He is president of the Eastern Convention district of the Pennsylvania state education association and a life member of the national education association. He is president of the Reading Rotary Club and has been active in various social agencies of the city.

Dr. Charles R. Essick, local physician, will be granted an honorary Doctor of Science degree on the eightieth anniversary of the founding of Albright College. He was graduated from the Reading High School in 1901 after which he entered Yale University. In 1909 he received his M. D. degree from John Hopkins Medical School. From 1909 to 1914 he was an instructor and assistant in anatomy at John Hopkins. He served as captain of the Medical Corps U. S. A. during 1918-1919 and was assigned to Baltimore for research work in Neuro-Surgery. He has written numerous articles on the central nervous system. He holds membership in the following organizations: American Association for the advancement of Science, American Association of Anatomy, American Chemical Society, American Ceramic Society, Reading Mental Health Clinic as well as the Reading Musical Foundation and the Reading Symphony Orchestra.

Of the three honorary D. D. degree recipients, Major Ralph C. Deibert, of Fort Heyers, Virginia, is the most prominent. He was born in Schuylkill Haven and received his early education in the Schuylkill Haven high school and the Pottsville high school. In 1913 he was graduated from the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church, Lancaster, Penna.

From 1915 to 1920 he served as college pastor and professor of English Bible at Albright College, then located at Myerstown, Pa. He served as a chaplain in the United States army during the latter part of 1918 and received a permanent commission in the regular army in 1920. Since then he has served the following stations: Camp Dix, N. J.; Fort Davis, Canal Zone; Fort Sill, Oklahoma; the Tank School, and Fort Meade, his present location.

The two remaining D. D. degrees will be conferred upon Rev. Arlington M. Bahn, pastor of the Evangelical Memorial Church of Buffalo, and Rev. Gustav A. Collin, district superintendent of the Pittsburgh conference of the Evangelical Church.

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Editorial

"BURY THE DEAD"

June 8 will mark the eightieth anniversary of the founding of Albright College, and we deem it a privilege to comment on several of the important phases of the present status of our college. Since 1856 from a small theological training school, Albright College has grown to be one of the small colleges of Pennsylvania. More than enough recognition has come our way and many of the things accomplished have been worthy of commendation. There are, however, a few matters which, when they were lauded to the skies in the eyes of the public press and speeches were made by the dignitaries connected with this college, have received jeers and boos from the students as well as the public.

To be sure, this is a college supported by a church group. That does not mean that the college should not progress along modern trends of education. The students feel, we are sure, that Albright College would go much further if the proper attitude would be shown by those hands which guide the destinies of this institution. There is much room for improvement. There are too many things lacking in our school curriculum as well as in the extra-curricular organization.

Let us, for example, comment on the Junior Prom which was held last Saturday at the Berkshire Hotel in Reading—a very respectable hotel all of us will agree. However, are we not old enough to think for ourselves about certain matters that would be the view of supposedly intelligent people. Students are human beings—so are the professors and members of the administration. Are the latter so privileged that they can indulge in certain practices and the students so far beneath them that they must be watched every minute of the day and night? Would the professors and members of the rules and regulations committees desire the presence of one who was not asked to be with them? That happened last week. As a result, ill feeling has been aroused which will spread into the homes throughout the many states from which we come. Are a certain special few willing to sacrifice the increase in enrollment and the progress of our college? As things stand we are driving students away. Shall we climb higher, or do we want to bury the living with the dead?

DOMINATING POWER

Last week we overheard a very interesting comment which we pass on to the student body as significant of what goes on behind the scenes of organizations which, according to all accounts in yearbooks, handbooks, catalogs, and bulletins, are classified as student organizations presenting a worthwhile program.

It happened in this fashion: The newly-elected officers of the Y. W. C. A. were in charge of their first meeting. Of course, many of the persons elected to office are inexperienced and appreciate the guidance of others. During the course of the meeting two of our coeds discussed the question, "Who is president of this organization and who is running this meeting?" The answer to the girls, most likely, is self-revealing, but perhaps the fellows would appreciate that the one organization which has played a very prominent part in past years failed this year because of the dominating power of a former student of the campus, now employed by the college.

On the whole, we do not feel that we are monkeys or animals in a circus who must be told what to do and what not to do. We suggest that students conduct their own meetings, discuss their own problems, their own plans, their own capabilities, and their own weaknesses. We, the students, are paying for these activities and programs. Are we not sensible enough to make up our minds as to what we want and what we do not want? If we fail it will be our own fault. As it is, if we fail under the present conditions, we are to blame, although most of the manipulating and suppression has been accomplished by the dominating power of one individual.

Let us, as students, take on our own responsibilities. This is a college campus—not a circus. Whatever happens, we will face the consequences—not those who want to pass the buck on to someone else.

SPEAKER



The host and speaker for the annual Baccalaureate services on Sunday, June 7, will be a man well known to the student body, Rev. Daniel J. Wetzel, pastor of the First Reformed Church, Washington and Reed Streets, Reading.

He is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and Seminary. He came to his present post ten years ago after having served charges at Shippensburg and Frackville. During the past ten years, Rev. Wetzel has become well liked in religious circles as a friend and adviser to young people. He was one of the leaders instrumental in starting the Reformed Church Camp of Religious Training at "Meusch Hill," near Reading.

MOST BEAUTIFUL

"Love is the most beautiful word in the English language," according to a survey conducted two weeks ago among the students of the secondary education classes under Professor Virgil C. Zentz. The students were asked to make a list of the five most beautiful words in their estimation, and "love" was included on the lists of three-fifths of the girls and one-half of the boys. Next in line was ranked "mother," which was included in the lists of 40 per cent. of the girls and 17 per cent. of the boys. "God" was placed on an equal basis with "mother," having the same percentages. "Beauty" itself was included by 35 per cent. of the boys and 20 per cent. of the girls. The word "understanding" was rated one of the five most beautiful by 40 per cent. of the girls. "Leaves" was chosen by 20 per cent. of the girls while the same percentage of boys chose "trees." Generally speaking, the boys picked longer words such as "co-operation," "adaptability," "responsibility," and "thoughtfulness," while the girls prefer lighter, shorter words such as "delicate," "home," and "nature."

EHRHART GIVES MESSAGE

"Now that my four years have passed, may I leave a few parting words which may be food for thought?"

"On May 23 I attended, with some odd seventy couples, a properly chaperoned and conducted Junior Class dance at the Berkshire Hotel. Either doubting the ability of the selected chaperones to handle the affair, or in order to gain some information necessary for certain purposes, a faculty POLICEMAN was appointed to PATROL the dance. This is no reflection upon that individual. However, the easiest way to arouse the ire of the student body and to cause them to act in a manner opposite to that desired manner.

ALUMNI PEASANT FESTIVAL JUNE 6

Stadium to be Scene of Unusual Program by 200

Featuring the annual Alumni Day exercises on our campus on Saturday, June 6, a combined cast of the music, dance, and athletic divisions of Reading's Deutsches Haus will present "A Peasant Festival in the Bavarian Alps" in full native setting.

A replica of an Alpine village will be constructed and mounted on a large platform after the Reading Music Festival on June 1 and 2. The pageant will depict several scenes of the peaceful and quiet life of the German people of that section.

Music will be under the direction of Herbert Fiss, noted Philadelphia musician and leader of the Bethlehem male quartet. Richard F. Cawalla is director of the pageant, and J. Alfred Schmidt chairman of the festival committee.

The pageant will follow the hundredth anniversary Selwyn Hall banquet which will be held in the college dining hall under the supervision of Jan VanDriel.

Elmer L. Mohn, Elizabeth, N. J., president of the Albright Alumni Association, is chairman of the committee planning the day's program, which will open with athletic contests in the morning and continue throughout the day with appropriate ceremonies for the dedication of the new library building by Dr. Frederick K. Stamm, pastor of Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, formerly pastor of the Calvary Reformed Church of Reading.

AMUSEMENTS

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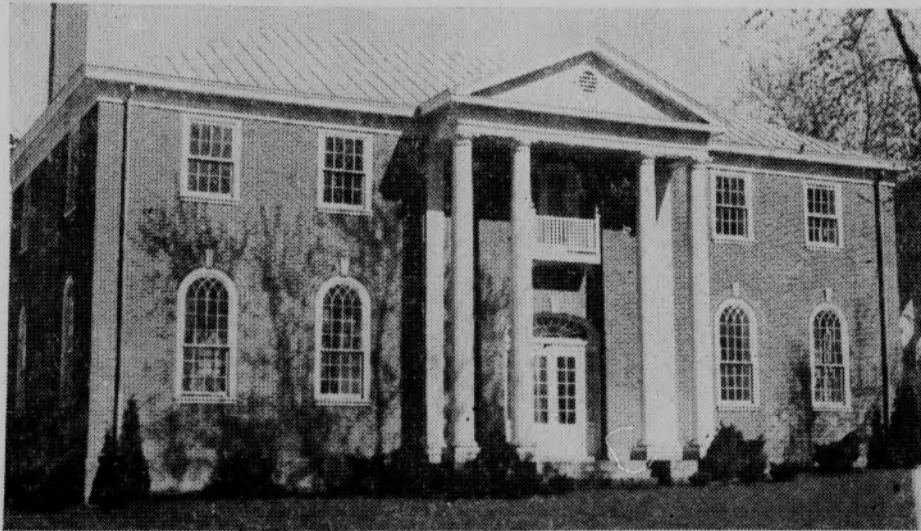
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Harry A. Humphreys, who has been employed by the athletic council for the coming year as assistant in the office to Coach Munn and Fred A. Howard, graduate manager.

GUEST



Dr. John A. Schaeffer, president of Franklin and Marshall College, who will be the principal speaker at the formal dedication and naming ceremonies of Merner-Peiffer Science Hall on Monday, June 8, at 10 A. M. Dr. Schaeffer has been professor of chemistry at Carnegie Institute of Technology and for fourteen years was vice-president of the Pitcher Lead Company of Joplin, Mo.

Others on the same program will be Dr. Lee M. Erdman, pastor of St. Thomas Reformed Church, and Dr. Michael F. Ritzman, of the Evangelical School of Theology.

The Albright Choral Society, under the direction of Professor Willy Richter, will render several musical numbers while Dean George W. Walton will present the dedication liturgy. The program will close with an academic procession from the science hall to the administration building.

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Around the Campus . . .

Charles Hinkle spent several days visiting friends in New Jersey.

Professor Henry G. Buckwalter, of the business administration department, sailed on the S. S. New York on Wednesday, May 27, for Europe. He will visit Dr. Memming at his home in Germany and then do research work in economics and finance in Russia and at the Geneva Institute of Finance under the auspices of the League of Nations.

Selma Bagat entertained several Pi Alpha Tau sisters at her home in Calton, N. J.

William Harris spent several days with his parents in Allentown and friends in Harrisburg and Bloomsburg.

Jan VanDriel, college chef, will spend part of his summer vacation at Camp Washington, Long Valley, N.J.

Mrs. P. VanDriel, mother of Jan and Leonard VanDriel, will sail on June 12 on the S. S. Veendam for her home in Holland.

Robert L. Work, librarian, will do graduate study in library science at Columbia University, New York City, during July and August.

Harry Humphreys is expecting to do some special work at Penn State this summer. He will be joined by John Haldeman, '35.

Irvin Batdorf, formerly a student here, won third prize in the Lucius F. Robinson Latin awards at Yale College last week.

James Woods, quarterback on last season's winning football eleven, has received an offer to coach at Conemaugh High School, near Johnstown, Pa.

Jim Schwenk, formerly a student at Albright College, has been playing first string fullback during spring training on the Army eleven at West Point. Fisher.

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